

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 are hereby amended. Claims 4, 6, 7, 10 and 11 are hereby cancelled, without prejudice.

No new matter is added by these amendments.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

While the rejection of claims 1-3 was affirmed by a Decision on Appeal which issued on March 16, 2007, claim 4 in the application stands objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is now directed to patentable subject matter.

The remaining claims all now depend from claim 1 so they too should be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request passage to issue of the present application.

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